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LOMITA HOUSE BLOWN APART

Widow Hurt In Explosion

An 80-year-old Lomita woman was hurled into the yard and seriously injured late Wednesday when an explosion, apparently touched off when a spark ignited accumulated gas, demolished her home during the night.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital with burns, bruises, and possible internal injuries was Mrs. Selma F. Synnott, 1809 W. 256th St., who was preparing for bed when the explosion rocked the neighborhood.

The rear and east walls of the small frame structure were blown out into the yard, leaving the house wide open on those sides.

MRS. SYNNOTT, a widow, was blown about 10 feet from her bed onto the lawn just outside the bedroom at the corner of the house.

The blast, which investigating firemen theorized resulted from an accumulation of gas and a spark from the electric blanket the victim had turned on, was heard throughout the neighborhood and brought neighbors out into the night from surrounding homes.

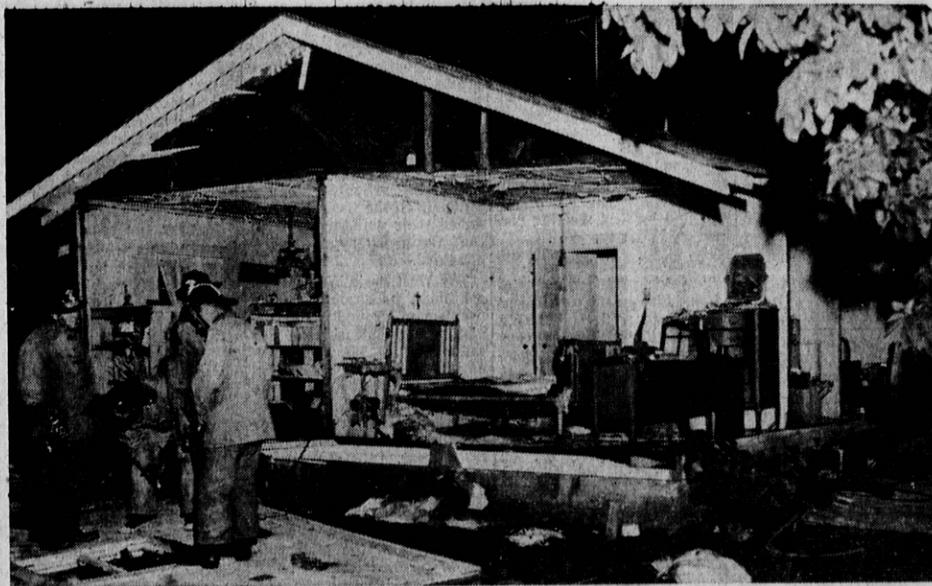
FLAMES which were started by the explosion were battled with garden hoses by some of the neighbors while other neighbors cared for the injured woman. Gas and electricity was turned off to prevent further damage.

Pvt. Joe Ramirez Arrives in Korea

Army Pvt. Joseph L. Ramirez, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ramirez, 1056 W. 225th St., recently arrived in Korea and is now a member of the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery. Assigned to Headquarters Battery of the artillery, he entered the Army in April, 1959 and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. Ramirez attended Narbonne High School.



QUEEN FINALIST . . . Penny Phillips, auburn-haired UCLA senior coed from Torrance, receives congratulations from Jim Fiedler, UCLA homecoming chairman, on her selection as one of the 27 finalists in the Bruin Homecoming Queen contest. The queen selected will reign over activities during the week of Nov. 15-21. Miss Phillips, who was voted actress of the year at Torrance High in 1956, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Phillips, 514 Palos Verdes Blvd.



HOUSE EXPLODES . . . An 80-year-old Lomita widow, Mrs. Selma F. Synnott, was injured when her home at 1809 W. 256th St., exploded as she was preparing for bed Wednesday night. The explosion, heard over a wide area, was attributed by county firemen to the combination of accumulated gas and a spark from Mrs. Synnott's electric blanket.

Rubbish Study Ordered

Industrialists Name Study Committee in Rubbish Spat

A three-man subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce industrial committee was appointed this week to make a detailed investigation of the city's rubbish collection system.

Appointment of the committee by Chairman Don Lasell followed a two-hour meeting of the industrial committee Thursday afternoon.

The system of operations by the city has been under fire recently from owners of apartment houses and spokesmen for several of the city's large

industrial firms. Industrial firms are objecting strenuously to paying the \$2 a month minimum fee which has been in effect recently.

Council approval of a proposal to charge everyone a flat fee of \$1 a month apparently did not eliminate the objections of the industrial representatives, it was indicated Thursday.

Mayor Albert Isen, discussing the matter with the industrialists, admitted that the city had not been able to make the rubbish collection program

self-sustaining yet, but he added that the operation was becoming more efficient, and that the capital outlays necessary during the past two years was being decreased as the city's equipment was nearing adequate levels.

The operation will continue to become more efficient and will eventually be self-supporting, the mayor said.

His view on the subject was challenged by Will Chapell, representative of the private operators, who declared that the private collectors could move in and do the job for far less money.

Looking into the rubbish collection controversy for the industrial committee are Joe Woodcock, Bill Shawger, and Kenneth Anderson.

Torrance Man Dies In Crash

William Edward Roy, 21, of 254 W. 233rd St., was killed yesterday in a three-car crash at 223rd St. and Figueroa Sts.

California Highway Patrol investigators said the accident started when a car driven by Donald Fitzwater, 20, of 1119 W. 233rd St., sped past a stop sign at the intersection and hit an auto driven by Ronald Buffington, 17, of 22307 S. Figueroa St. Buffington's vehicle then collided with one driven by Kenneth Stone, 24, of West Los Angeles, who was killed in the crash. Roy was a passenger in the Fitzwater car.

Injured were Ernest Noel, 19, 4513 Cadison St., Sandra Bailey, 16, of Los Angeles and Neil Goodman, 19, also Los Angeles.

Sponsors See Scouts' Work

Scoutmaster Ed Brady brought his troop 948 to the North Torrance Lions Club meeting at the Gardena Elks club and put them through a regular session so the sponsors could see the results of Ed's two years teaching of the boys.

The Lions were shown snake bite kits, cooking kits and were presented with a sample of the scouts acting ability when the boys put on a clever skit for them.

Lion Sam Myerson graciously relinquished his part of the program so the Scouts could pass on useful information on such events as hiking, where it was learned that if you walk with feet pointed straight ahead, you will save 400 steps each mile that you walk.

The North Torrance club sponsors two Scout troops as well as Cubs and Little League teams.

SPONSORS SEEKING MORE FLOAT MONEY

A renewed drive to collect necessary funds for the city's entry in the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's Day has been urged by Float Chairman George Bradford.

Bradford was backed in his appeal by Chamber President J. H. Paget, who urged all Torrance businessmen and citizens to send their checks or pledges, regardless of the size, to the Chamber of Commerce office at 1511 Cravens Ave.

Bradford reported that more than 4000 letters were mailed recently to all business license holders in the city.

Although the response was good, the fund is still about \$1000 short of the goal, he reported yesterday.

"Perhaps it is just too early yet for people to get the holiday spirit," he said.

Bethlehem To Assist Employees

Prompt financial assistance has been made possible for Bethlehem Steel employees returning to work following the 116-day strike under two emergency measures, which the company announced today. Those employees who had uncompleted vacation time when the strike started would normally not be eligible for vacation pay until December. This year, however, the company is making payment immediately to those employees who do not promptly apply to take their vacations later in the year.

Also, the company's regular wage advance system is being liberalized at this time to meet the needs of employees desiring immediate financial aid. Upon application by a returning employee, a wage advance of up to \$100 of credited earnings will be paid by the company at once.

Ruth St. Dennis To Appear in Civic Festival

Miss Ruth St. Dennis, universally hailed as the "First Lady of the Dance," will be presented in "The Blue Madonna of St. Marks" at the annual Civic Symphony Christmas Festival, it was announced here yesterday by Director Elyse Aehle of the orchestra.

In addition to "Miss Ruth," as she is lovingly known to many, the cast for the west coast premier of the production will number 50, including several local young people who will be trained by Miss St. Dennis and her assistant to appear with her.



HAIL QUEEN . . . Nancy Taylor (lower left) is pictured with her princesses, Bobbie Carse, Lynn D'Alola and Peggy Guitsett. Queen and her court have reigned over festivities at North High during past week. Carole Hill, fourth princess, is not pictured. (Herald photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

If butchers and meat cutters go out on strike Monday the HERALD photographer felt a question on how the area housewives plan to prepare meals without meat would be interesting. Today's question is "How will you plan your menus if the pending strike brings on a meat shortage?"

Mrs. Winifred Schlaefle, of 20720 Anrita, housewife and aircraft worker.

"We are not worried about a meat shortage. We happen to have a good supply on hand. My husband is a cook by trade and during the war in Germany learned to make something wonderful out of practically nothing."

Mrs. Russell Spangenberg, 3019 Mindora Dr., housewife.

"My husband just bagged his first elk, and it was a large one, while he was hunting in Idaho during his vacation. So, even if the butchers do go on a strike, there won't be any meat shortage in our family for quite a while."

Mrs. William A. Huber, 5408 Rockview Dr., housewife.

"I have my freezer stocked full to the brim already, but I'm still going to buy as much meat as I can afford tomorrow. I plan to buy mostly roasts because they go further and can be alternated with meatless dishes."

Mrs. Harold Slonecker, 15472 Denker, Gardena, housewife.

"As my husband is a steel worker their strike has hit us pretty hard and we have become used to meatless meals. With Harold just back to work this week we won't be able to do much stocking up. We'll just go along with it!"

Mrs. J. P. Moss, 918 Diamond, Redondo Beach, housewife.

"I have read both sides of the story on this pending butchers strike and I hope they are not forced to walk out. I think everyone loses in a strike. We can do without meat just as we did during the war."

Graduation Slated

Buddy R. Shipley, son of Mrs. Edna M. Shipley of 3018 Sonoma, is scheduled to graduate from recruit training Nov. 20 at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.